

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously presented) A method of providing content to a client, comprising:
retrieving the content, wherein retrieving the content includes performing a search of content providers;
performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user, wherein performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria that is determined by analyzing how the content will be presented by the client;
determining whether the determined accessibility level of the content meets an accessibility requirement for the user;
providing the content to the client if the determined accessibility level of the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user; and
providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if the determined accessibility level of the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized handicap accessibility guidelines.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.

7-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.

10. (Currently amended) A method of providing content to a client, comprising:
retrieving the content;
performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by a user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user; and
providing the retrieved content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets ~~an~~ a particular accessibility requirement for the user that is maintained in a user profile for the user, wherein the method is implemented on a proxy server and wherein the proxy server provides the retrieved content to the client in its original form as retrieved without subsequent modification and the retrieved content is presented to the user in its original form as specified by the content as retrieved.
11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the method is implemented on the client.
12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the content is at least one Web page.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.
14. (Currently amended) A method of providing content to a user, comprising:
retrieving the content;
performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by the user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user;
providing the retrieved content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets ~~an~~ a particular accessibility requirement for the user that is maintained in a user profile for the user; and
if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user, modifying the retrieved content such that the retrieved content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein modifying the retrieved content includes changing values for presentation tags in the retrieved content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the retrieved content, when presented to the user, meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the presentation tags describe how particular content is to be presented.
15. (Currently amended) A method of providing content to a user, comprising:
retrieving the content;
performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by the user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user;

providing the retrieved content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user, modifying the retrieved content such that the retrieved content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein performing the evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by the user includes logging elements of the retrieved content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein modifying the retrieved content includes modifying logged elements and then re-evaluating the retrieved content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such retrieved content modification.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) An apparatus of providing content to a client, comprising:

means for retrieving the content, wherein the means for retrieving the content includes means for performing a search of content providers, wherein the means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes means for determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria that is determined by analyzing how the content will be presented by the client;

means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user;

means for determining whether the determined accessibility level of the content meets an accessibility requirement for the user;

means for providing the content to the client if the determined accessibility level of the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user; and

means for providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if the result of the evaluation is that the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized handicap accessibility guidelines.

21. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes means for using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.

22-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.

25. (Currently amended) An apparatus of providing content to a client, comprising:
means for retrieving the content, wherein the means for retrieving the content includes means for performing a search of content providers;
means for performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by a user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user; and
means for providing the retrieved content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets ~~an~~ a particular accessibility requirement for the user that is maintained in a user profile for the user, wherein the apparatus is associated with a proxy server and wherein the apparatus provides the retrieved content to the client in its original form as retrieved without subsequent modification and the retrieved content is presented to the user in its original form as specified by the content as retrieved.

26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the apparatus is associated with the client.

27. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the content is at least one Web page.

28. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising means for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

29. (Currently amended) An apparatus of providing content to a user, comprising:
means for retrieving the content;
means for performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by the user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user;
means for providing the retrieved content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets ~~an~~ a particular accessibility requirement for the user that is maintained in a user profile for the user; and
means for modifying the retrieved content if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user such that the retrieved content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the means for modifying the retrieved content includes means for changing values for presentation tags in the retrieved content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the

retrieved content, when presented to the user, meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the presentation tags describe how particular content is to be presented.

30. (Currently amended) An apparatus of providing content to a user, comprising:

means for retrieving the content;

means for performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by the user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user;

means for providing the retrieved content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

means for modifying the retrieved content if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user such that the retrieved content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the means for performing the evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by the user includes means for logging elements of the retrieved content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein the means for modifying the retrieved content includes means for modifying logged elements and then re-evaluating the retrieved content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such retrieved content modification.

31-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously presented) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a client, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content, wherein the first instructions include instructions for performing a search of content providers;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user, wherein the second instructions include instructions for determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria that is determined by analyzing how the content will be presented by the client;

third instructions for determining whether the determined accessibility level of the content meets an accessibility requirement for the user;

fourth instructions for providing the content to the client if the determined accessibility level of the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user; and

fifth instructions for providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if a result of the second instructions is that the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized handicap accessibility guidelines.

36. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the second instructions include instructions for using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.

37-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.

40. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a client, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by a user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user; and

third instructions for providing the retrieved content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an a particular accessibility requirement for the user that is maintained in a user profile for the user, wherein the computer program product is executed on a proxy server and wherein the computer program product provides the retrieved content to the client in its original form as retrieved without subsequent modification and the retrieved content is presented to the user in its original form as specified by the content as retrieved.

41. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the computer program product is executed on the client.

42. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, wherein the content is at least one Web page.

43. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 33, further comprising fourth instructions for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

44. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a user, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by the user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user;

third instructions for providing the retrieved content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an a particular accessibility requirement for the user that is maintained in a user profile for the user; and

fourth instructions for modifying the retrieved content if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user such that the retrieved content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the fourth instructions include instructions for changing values for presentation tags in the retrieved content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the retrieved content, when presented to the user, meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the presentation tags describe how particular content is to be presented.

45. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a user, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the retrieved content for accessibility by the user by determining how the retrieved content will be presented to the user;

third instructions for providing the retrieved content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

fourth instructions for modifying the retrieved content if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user such that the retrieved content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the second instructions include instructions for logging elements of the retrieved content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein the fourth instructions include instructions for modifying logged elements and then re-evaluating the retrieved content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such retrieved content modification.

46. (Currently amended) A proxy server on a network that facilitates communication between a search engine and a user, comprising:

means for receiving, by the proxy server, a search request from the user;

means for forwarding, by the proxy server, the search request to the search engine;

means for receiving, by the proxy server, search results of the search request from the search engine;

means for performing, by the proxy server, an evaluation of content pertaining to the search results for accessibility by the user by analyzing how the content is specified to be presented to the user;
means for providing, by the proxy server, the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and
means for modifying, by the proxy server, the content if the result of the evaluation does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

47. (Previously presented) The proxy server of Claim 46, wherein the means for modifying the content comprises means for changing values for presentation tags in the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content, when presented to the user, meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the presentation tags describe how particular portions of the content are to be presented.

48. (New) The method of Claim 3, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is maintained in a user profile for the user.

49. (New) The method of Claim 15, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is maintained in a user profile for the user.